Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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November 8 2016

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A NOTICE FROM HUMAN RESOURCES

LRBOI Tribal Government has opportunities for temporary work assignments in both its Member's Assistance Department and Human Resources Department. Persons that have intermediate computer skills and office experience are sought to fill these temporary assignments. Positions will receive training once selected.

Please be aware that other departments may exercise the option to hire a temporary employee as needed, and will review the applications on file from those seeking a temporary appointment. Temporary appointments can work up to 29 hours per week. If you are interested, please file an application with Human Resources. You can obtain an application by contacting HR at (231) 398-6859, or via email to jobs@lrboi-nsn.gov.

Hello and welcome to the Rapid River News.

So I am letting everyone know that I can only print in the Rapid River News, and the Currents too, that information made available to me.

Elders' Christmas Party Announced

ATTENTION

The Election Board has an opening due to the resignation of one of its members. The Ogema will need to appoint with Council approval a replacement for this seat. The Term of this seat ends in April of 2017. Tribal citizens interested in this appointment need to send a letter of interest to the Ogema. Send it to Ogema, 2608 Government Center Dr., Manistee, MI 49660. Note on envelope - re: Election Board.

Please join me in welcoming Dr. Maxine Lipon, D.O., as the new staff physician at the LRBOI Health Clinic. As many of you know, Dr. Lipon has been working for us through a staffing agency for the past 6 months. As a result, she is quite familiar with the treatment needs of our patients.

She became an official employee of the Tribe on November 1.

Dr. Lipon will continue to work closely with Dr. Dixon and the rest of the Clinic medical/support staff to bring quality services to the community.

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Don MacDonald
Director of Health Services
Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

Jessica L. Steinberg
4146 Sverly Rd
Bratlirn, MI 49619

November 7, 2016

Chair, Election Board
Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
2608 Government Center Drive
Manistee, MI 49660

My Dear Madame Chair,

I write to inform the Election Board that with a mix of sadness, yet happiness due to recent changes in my life, taking me in a new direction, that I resign from my seat as a Nine-County Representative on Tribal Council effective November 18, 2016.

It is indeed my pleasure to inform the Board that on October 23, 2016, I was married; this change has brought a new dimension into my life as my spouse works in Cairo, Egypt. After considerable discussion, we have determined that in the interest of family and our new marriage, I will relocate to Egypt where he resides at this time. I am certain Creator has a new direction for my life, guiding me in this change.

I leave the Little River Band with a great sense of accomplishment for the many years of service I have had the privilege to give to my people. I know there is more work to do; perhaps with the decision, it is Creator's manner of telling me it is time for new ideas and perspectives to rise in the form of a new person to fill the seat I will vacate. I am sad to leave, yet hopeful that a new creative voice will emerge, with vision and creativity to lead in a new direction our nation.

I wish to thank those who voted me into office; your trust has been humbling. I also wish those who come after me the best in their role as leader and legislator.

All My Relations.

Wingaazin, (I will see you again),

Jessica L. Steinberg

Jessica L. Steinberg (Burger)

CC: V. Johnson, Tribal Council Speaker
J. Riley, Tribal Council Recorder

THE OFFICE OF THE OGEMA HAS ANNOUNCED THE FOLLOWING DATES FOR THE CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR HOLIDAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES CLOSURE:
BEGINNING DECEMBER 23RD AT NOON THRU MONDAY JANUARY 2ND, 2017

Government Offices will be closed, as granted by the Ogema's Office, during the time of the Christmas Holiday. *The Health Clinic, CHS/EHAP Offices and Maajiidaa Fitness Center* ***will be closed*** *during that time.*

Health Operations is asking all of our clients/patients to plan ahead; we encourage you to **check your prescription bottles for refills** ***now, to see if the anticipated refill dates of the medications you may need falls during the closure. If you will need a refill during the closure, please notify the Clinic Office BEFORE DECEMBER 9th.***

If you WILL NEED A PHYSICIAN TO WRITE A SCRIPT TO REFILL A MEDICATION (30 day supply *only* medications for example) please contact the Health Clinic **no later than Friday December 9th** so your request for refills can be processed **BEFORE** the holiday closure. **Do not wait until the last minute to call.** This will prevent you from running out of your medications during the holiday closure.

If you WILL NEED PRIOR AUTHORIZATION FOR AN ONGOING MAINTENANCE MEDICATION REFILL please notify CHS/EHAP **BEFORE DECEMBER 19th** so your medication purchase orders can be sent to your pharmacy **BEFORE** the holiday closure. The purchase orders will be dated for the due date of the medication, **not the date it is sent**. In other words, the prescriptions will be authorized to be filled when they are DUE, not earlier than that time.

If you WILL NEED A SPECIALTY MEDICAL VISIT OR PROCEDURE APPROVED WITH PROPER PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN (CLINIC) COORDINATION AND REFERRAL, please contact the CHS/EHAP offices no later than Friday December 16th; the purchase order will be sent to the provider for the date of anticipated service visit.

There will be **NO** staff available in Health Services beginning at Noon on December 23rd, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, and January 2nd, 2017. We will return to the office on Tuesday, January 3rd, 2017 at 8:00 am.

If you have a **MEDICAL EMERGENCY** during the office closure; go to your nearest Emergency Room or call 911.

If you need **EMERGENT/URGENT MEDICAL CARE FOR ILLNESS** during the office closure; go to your nearest Emergency Room or Urgent Care Clinic.

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Election Board
2608 Government Center Drive
Manistee, MI49660
Phone(231)723-8288

Announcement of General Election

Date of Election: April 28, 2017

Offices to be Elected:
Office of Tribal Council- Nine County District (two seats)
Office of Tribal Council- At Large District (one seat)
Office of Tribal Council - Outlying (two seat)
Office of Election Board- (three seats)
Office of Appellate Judge- (one seat)

Procedures for Establishing Candidacy

For Candidates for the Office of Tribal Council-Nine County District, At-Large and Outlying District. To run for the Office of Tribal Council in the Nine County District, At-Large District and Outlying district, a Tribal Member must obtain, complete, and submit a Declaration of Candidacy packet during the period listed in the Election Calendar below.

For Candidates for the Office of Election Board. To run for the Election Board, a Tribal Member must obtain, complete, and submit a Declaration of Candidacy packet during the period listed in the Election Calendar below.

For Candidates for the Office of Appellate Judge. To run for the Office of Appellate Judge, a Tribal Member must obtain, complete, and submit a Declaration of Candidacy packet during the period listed in the Election Calendar below.

Election Calendar

Declaration of Candidacy Packets available ..... October 3, 2016
Declaration of Candidacy Packets due ..... October 28, 2016
Background Checks Certified ..... November 30, 2016
Slate of Candidates certified ..... December 12, 2016
Last day to withdraw candidacy ..... December 19, 2016
Ballots mailed out for Primary Election ..... January 13, 2017
Ballots due and Primary Election Day ..... February 10, 2017 Deadline for Primary election recounts, disputes, challenges ..... February 17, 2107 Deadline for Withdrawal of Candidate after Primary Election ..... February 27, 2017 Ballots mailed out for General Election ..... March 24, 2017
Ballots due and General Election Day ..... April 28, 2017

Deadline for General Election recounts, disputes, challenges .....May 5, 2017 Deadline for General Election campaign financial report ..... May 5, 2017

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ELECTION BOARD

Recent amendments to the Tribal Constitution change the composition of the Tribal Council. Prior to these amendments, the Tribal Council seats were allocated as follows:

- Six of the members were elected by Tribal Members residing in the Nine-County area. The Nine-County area is made up of Kent, Lake, Manistee, Mason, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Ottawa, and Wexford Counties.
- Two of the members were elected by all of the Members of the Tribe. These Council seats are known as "At-large" seats.
- One of the members was elected by Tribal Members living outside the Nine-County area. This seat is known as the "Outlying" seat.

The proposed amendment would change the composition of the Tribal Council as follows:

- Four of the Council seats will be elected by Tribal Members residing in the Nine-County area.
- One of the Council seats will be At-Large.
- Four of the Council seats will be elected by Tribal Members residing in the Outlying area.

Another way to say this is that two Nine-County seats are being changed to Outlying seats, and one At-Large seat is being changed to an Outlying seat.

The Election Board is charged with implementing this change. This includes determining when the seats should be switched, and in what order.

In rules that are being posted this month, the Election Board has decided to make the changes in two steps. First, one Nine-County seat that is up for election will be switched to an Outlying seat in the 2017 General Election. Then, one Nine-County seat <u>and</u> one At-Large seat that are up in the 2019 General Election will be switched to Outlying seats. The following graphic shows how this will work:

Tribal Council Seats Up for Vote in 2017 Election		
Current	Change	New
3 Nine-County seats	(-1)	2 Nine-County seats
1 At-Large seat	0	1 At-Large seat
1 Outlying seat	+1	2 Outlying seats

Tribal Council Seats Up for Vote in 2019 Election		
Current	Change	New
3 Nine-County seats	(-1)	2 Nine-County seats
1 At-Large seat	(-1)	0 At-Large seats
0 Outlying seats	+2	2 Outlying seats

The Election Board's main reason for implementing the change in this way is so that there will be two Nine-County seats and two Outlying seats up in each future election. If the At-Large seat was switched to Outlying in 2017, then there would be three Outlying seats up in one election and one Outlying seat up in the next election, with this pattern repeating in future elections. Instead, there will be two Nine-County seats and two Outlying seats up in each future election. The lone At-Large seat would be up once every other election, just as the lone Outlying seat is now. The following graphic illustrates the new pattern:

Tribal Council Seats Up for Vote in 2021 Election

2 Nine-County seats

1 At-Large seat

2 Outlying seats

Tribal Council Seats Up for Vote in 2023 Election

2 Nine-County seats

0 At-Large seat

2 Outlying seats

Tribal Council Seats Up for Vote in 2025 Election

2 Nine-County seats

1 At-Large seat

2 Outlying seats

Tribal Council Seats Up for Vote in 2027 Election

2 Nine-County seats

0 At-Large seat

2 Outlying seats

Anishinaabemdaa simply means “Let’s speak our language, Anishinaabemowin”. This face book page is related to the website. We thought that we would try to do this on face book. Many indigenous people are on face book from all over North America. Many use the language whenever they can. We want to post phrases, teachings, stories, short lessons and a suggestion post, so if there is anything specific that you wish to learn, just let us know. We will also help out with the spelling of our language.

This face book page is designed to be of service to the public. Our website serves many thousands of people here in North America and we do get traffic from other parts of the world. Many schools, colleges and universities use it on a regular basis.

OFFICE CLOSURE OVER HOLIDAYS

The Ogema has issued a closure for the Tribal Offices over the Holidays. Please note the following dates:

OFFICES WILL CLOSE ON DECMBER 23RD 2016 AT NOON AND WILL REMAIN CLOSED UNTIL JANUARY 3RD 2017.

Please conclude all needed appointments and other business items BEFORE the closure.

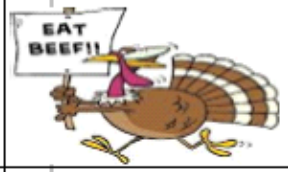
November 2016

Please contact Noelle Cross with any questions Phone:
231-398-6886
E-mail: ncross@lrboi-nsn.gov
Volunteers are needed to help

Meals served at 12 o'clock

- No Charge to Elders, their Spouse and Handicap/Disabled individuals who reside with Elder.
- Guests Meals are $6.00

Donations are appreciated and will be used for program activities and food.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1. Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings	2. Chili Beef Dogs, French Fries, Corn and Dessert Wii Bowling	3. Beef Stroninoff, Asparagus and Dessert	4.	5. Elder Committee Meeting @ the Casino
6	7 Chicken Waffle and Eggs Language Class 12:30	8 Baked Cod, Baked Potato, Cole Slaw and Dessert	9 Pork Roast Sweet Potato Mixed Veggies and Dessert Wii Bowling	10 Lasagna Garlic Bread Broccoli and Dessert B.I.N.G.O.	11 OFFICE CLOSED 	12
13	14 Chicken Marsala Rice Veggie Blend and Dessert Language Class 12:30	15 Spaghetti & Meatballs Veggies Garlic Bread and Dessert	16 Ruben Sandwich Coleslaw and Dessert Wii Bowling	17 Chicken Noodle Soup, Grilled Cheese and Dessert	18 Muskegon Meal!! RSVP Noelle 231-398-6886	19
20	21 French Dip Potato Wedges Peas and Dessert Language Class 12:30	22 Ham & Scalloped Potatoes Mixed Veggies and Dessert	23 Smothered Pork Chops Mashed Potato Corn and Dessert Wii Bowling	24 Office Closed  	25 Office Closed	26
27 Menu subject to change without notice. Meals meet 1/3 of the RDI based on a 1600 to 2000	28 Tomato Basil Soup, Grilled Cheese and Dessert Language Class 12:30	29 Roasted Chicken Baked Potato Veggie Blend and Dessert	30 Hot Beef Sandwich Mashed Potato Green Beans a Dessert Wii Bowling			
	Coffee, milk and water are available at every meal.		Coffee, milk and water are available at every meal.			

HOUSING DEPARTMENT:

The Tribally funded Down payment and Closing Cost Assistance program has been funded for this year, 2016. Tribal Citizens can receive up to a combined maximum of $5,000.00. The combined maximum is based on 2.33% for the down payment assistance up to $3,500 and 1.00% for closing cost assistance up to $1,500. The assistance is calculated on the total purchase price and the eligibility criteria highlights are as follows.

1. Must be an enrolled member of LRBOI.
2. Must be at least 21 years old.
3. Must not currently own a home/residence.
4. Residence must be the borrower's permanent primary residence.
5. Must not have previously accessed funds under this or any other Tribal program that provides down payment and closing cost assistance.
6. Must be a single family residence.

If you are interested please contact Chad Gehrke in the Housing Department at 231-398-6878 or cgehrke@lrboi-nsn.gov.

INTERNSHIP and CAREER STUDIES ANNOUNCEMENT:

Two programs are now available to help LRBOI Tribal Members and LRBOI Descendants acquire skills and knowledge to prepare for their future careers at LRCR.

What: Two different work programs are available, an INTERNSHIP PROGRAM and a CAREER STUDIES PROGRAM, with a limited number of positions available in each program.

Who: LRBOI Tribal Members and LRBOI Descendants, 18 and older, are eligible to apply.

When: 12 week paid program begins after approval process.

Where: there are TEMP positions open in both Members Assistance and HR. We are looking for Administrative Assistant temporary assignees right now. Up to 29 hours per week. Submit application and resume to jobs@lrboi-nsn.gov

Various Departments at Little River Casino Resort.

How: Submit application and then undergo interview process to be approved.

INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

for Tribal Member and Descendant college students, in association with the internal internship programs that are available from their specific colleges.

CAREER STUDIES

PROGRAM – for Tribal Member and Descendant NON-college students. This program is not for college credit, and the process is managed entirely within LRCR.

FOUR positions are available in each program. Eligible applicants Must submit all required documents to be considered.

Applicants must pass all pre-employment screening processes required for all newly hired employees. Application packets are available upon request Contact: Sandy Mezeske, Executive Administrative Assistant Tribal and Organizational Development Department of Little River Casino Resort sandym@lrcr.com 1-231-398-4029

Enrollment Notices and Notes

The Enrollment Department would like to remind Tribal Members that the qualifying period to sign up or cancel the **Voluntary Federal Income Tax Withholding** from your Per Cap payments is October 1st through December 31st. 15% federal income tax will be withheld from each payment if a Member decides to sign up. Once a Member volunteers to the withholding or cancels, it shall be permanent until April of the following year.

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We would also like to remind Tribal Members that **Direct Deposit** is available for your PerCap payments. This will ensure that you get your payment on the day the payment is made. For direct deposits forms to be valid your address must be up to date with the Enrollment Department. Please make sure your routing/account numbers are correct with your financial institution before submitting a form. Remember this form has to be notarized and must be submitted 30 days before the payment date.

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We recently did a mailing on **Bereavement Beneficiary forms and Per Cap Beneficiary forms**. These forms designate who you want the $7500 Bereavement Benefit and last Per Cap payment to be paid to. Both of these form have to be notarized. If there is no form on file the distribution of funds will be determined by the Tribal Court.

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If you have any questions or would like one of the forms mailed to you please contact the Enrollment Department. We can be contacted by calling toll free at (888) 723-8288 or can be contacted directly at (231) 398-6712 for Diane, (231) 398-6713 for Jessica or (231) 398-6720 for Merri. All of the forms are also available on the website.

LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
ELDERS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Little River Casino Resort Event Center

Saturday, December 3, 2016

- **Lunch at 12:00 p.m.**

Items for the voluntary gift exchange may be labeled
MAN OR WOMAN and placed on the tables provided.

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Anyway, I hope you also enjoy the empty space.

Ghost Supper

November 11th

Bring a dish to pass to honor those that who have passed away.

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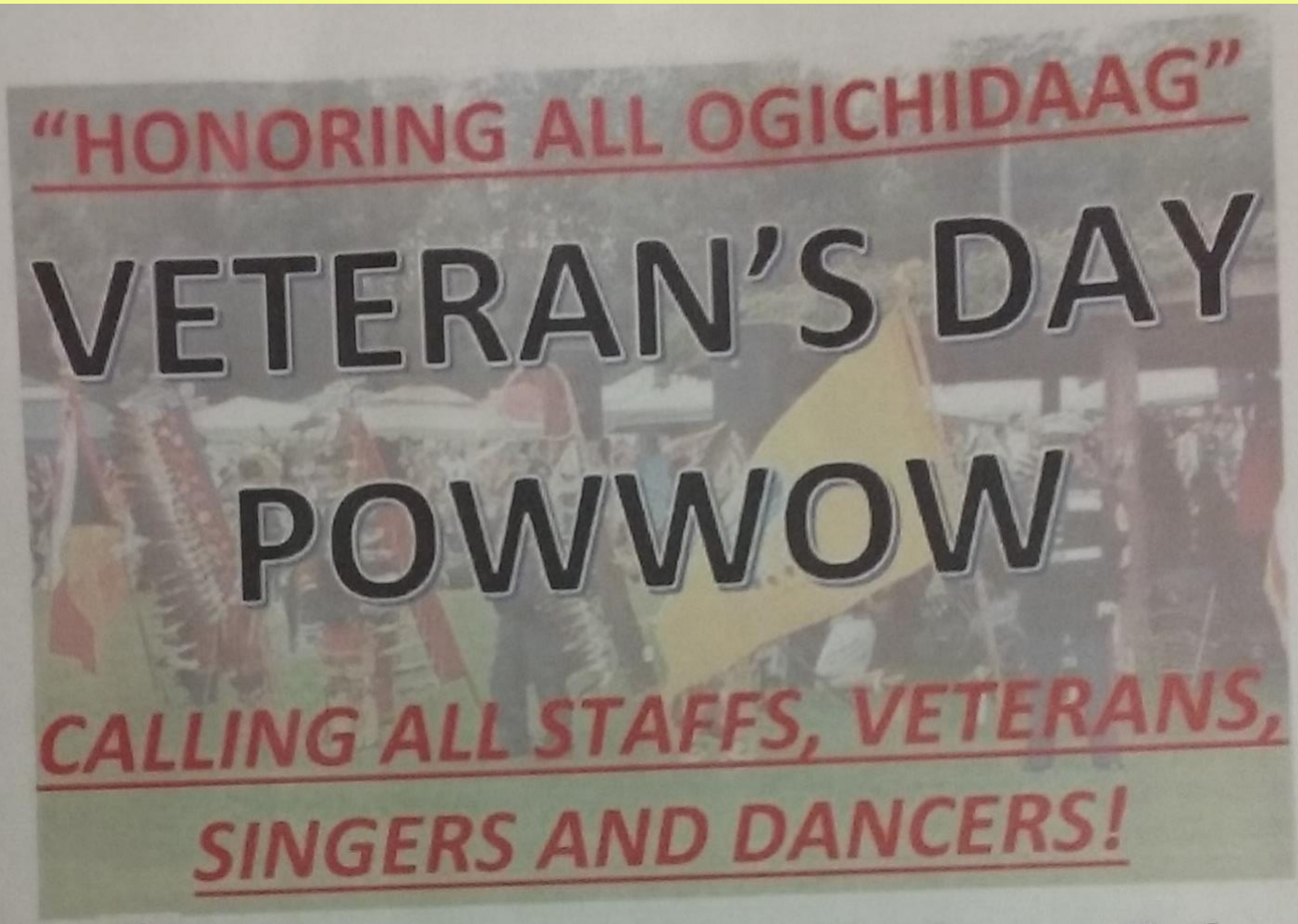

"HONORING ALL OGICHIDAAG"

VETERAN'S DAY POWWOW

CALLING ALL STAFFS, VETERANS, SINGERS AND DANCERS!

Friday, November 11

Harbor Springs High School Gymnasium

FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Feast @ 5:30pm, Please bring a dish to pass

Grand Entry @ 7:00pm (*Head staff TBA*)

DONATIONS ACCEPTED & SPECIAL RECOGNITION TO SUPPORT STANDING ROCK

Currently seeking donations/sponsors, SPECIALS WELCOME

Craft Vendors Welcome, booth fee is donation or item

[Spaces are limited/Bring your own table(s)]

Current sponsors Harbor Springs Schools & Petoskey Schools Title VII Programs

For sponsor information, vendor sign up & questions call RJ Smith (231)526-4835